

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

PROJECT TITLE Fire Preparedness Exercise

PROJECT LOCATION Firestone Scout Reservation, northeast of Brea, west of Chino Hills **COUNTY** Los Angeles

LEAD AGENCY California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Fire Preparedness Exercise (FPE) requires CAL FIRE San Bernardino Unit personnel to demonstrate physical fitness and the safe and effective use of fire suppression tactics in preparation for 2010 peak staffing. The FPE is located at the Firestone Scout Reservation (herein referred to as Firestone), on land owned by the City of Industry. The project area is located in Los Angeles County, northeast of Brea, CA and west of Chino Hills, CA. The total project area is 118 acres; however, not all this area will be impacted by project activities. The FPE will consist of approximately 20 handlines being constructed by CAL FIRE Type I hand crews. The crews will utilize chainsaws to cut the brush (6 feet wide), and hand tools to remove surface vegetation exposing bare mineral soil (2 feet wide). No burning of the slash will occur. Engine crews will conduct progressive hose lays which will not involve the cutting of vegetation. Fire apparatus will be operated from pre-existing roads and road shoulders to pump water for the progressive hose lay. No heavy equipment will be operated off pre-existing road surfaces and already disturbed road shoulders.

EXEMPTION STATUS

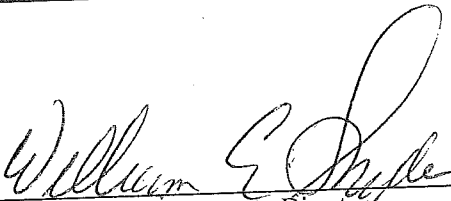
- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- ☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

§15304 Minor Alterations to Land

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits under the Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land) Categorical Exemption to CEQA. A Minor Alteration to Land is described as a "minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes." This project as proposed constructs handlines and does not remove healthy, mature, or scenic trees. Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE's BDU Headquarters in San Bernardino.

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William E. Snyder, Deputy Director Date 4/26/10
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